Americas Competitiveness Exchange



Project Title	Americas Competitiveness Exchange
Project Summary	The Competitiveness Intern will support Commerce and State in executing the Americas Competitiveness Exchange (ACE) program.
Country	United States

Project Description

- 1) Assisting in planning and implementing the ACE and other supporting programs. This will include working with the Organization of American States, the US Department of Commerce and the US State Department to identify and screen potential exchange candidates from Latin America, the Caribbean, and other regions globally. The intern will also assist in identifying and screening potential host sites, businesses, agencies and other actors in the respective US host locations.
- 2) Assisting in working with drafting the ACE trip book. This will include but not be limited to drafting participant biographies and securing photographs for the briefing book, drafting detailed partner descriptions, and ensuring that all logistical information is included in form and format required.

Required Skills or Interests

Skill(s)

Analytical writing	
Cultural diplomacy	
Economic analysis	
Editing and proofreading	
Political Analysis	
Research	
Survey / polling design	
Writing	

Additional Information

The Americas Competitiveness Exchange (ACE) is the premier economic development, innovation, and entrepreneurial network of the Americas and is one of the leading High–Level events of the Organization of American States (OAS). The ACE program is one of the core initiatives of the Inter-American Competitiveness Network (RIAC), for which the OAS serves as the Technical Secretariat.

The ACE brings together up to 50 senior-level government, business, policy, and economic decision-makers from across the Americas and beyond to experience first-hand the diverse range of projects, strategic investments, public-private partnerships, and best practices from a particular region's economic, innovation and entrepreneurship ecosystem. These top global leaders are selected to participate in the week-long program to engage with innovation hubs, advanced technology centers, leading firms, educational and research institutions; explore local, regional, urban, and rural economic development models; share experiences and knowledge; build networks to enhance competitiveness in the Americas; promote sustainable and inclusive economic development; and increase trade and investment opportunities.

To date, the ACE has been held twelve times since 2014 in the United States, Mexico, Argentina, Canada, Germany, and Israel.

In the United States, the program has been hosted in Atlanta, Georgia, and North & South Carolina in April 2014; Minneapolis, Minnesota-Central, Wisconsin & Chicago, Illinois in April 2015; Arizona & Southern California in April 2016; Central Texas in April 2017; North-Central Florida in December 2017; Central California in October 2018; and Puerto Rico in May 2019. Mexico (Aguascalientes, Guadalajara, and Mexico City) hosted in August 2014; Cordoba, Argentina in October 2015; Ontario, Canada in September 2016; a special edition jointly hosted by Germany and Israel took place in June 2018; and in Santiago de Chile, Chile in October 2019.

ACE 13 will take place in Colorado, the United States. ACE 15, ACE 17, and ACE 19 will be targeted to host communities in the United States while ACE 14, ACE 16, and ACE 20 will be open to host for other countries of the Americas and beyond. ACE events outside of the Americas will be considered for approval by the ACE Committee on a case-by-case basis.

Language Requirements

None